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Bovensiepen, SS-Standartenfuhrer and Oberst der Polizei,
Sicherheitschef der Sicherheitspolizei (Sipo and SD)

Under medium height, dark hair, squarely built, but not fat, ugly ape-like face, noisy roaring laughter, neat and well-dressed, very much interested in women and alcohol. Aged about 40, career police officer, rather distinguished looking and apparently quite cultivated, has a stereotyped smile even when he is most unpleasant.

He is an old party member and was Gestapo-chief for Greater-Berlin some years ago. In this capacity he was the driving spirit in the ruthless chaotic Jew-baiting (just before the war?). He made such a mess of his job, that he got into trouble himself, but saved the situation by making his two closest assistants - both Regierungsräte - scapegoats. They were both executed. From Berlin he was transferred to Cassel. In the spring 1944 he was transferred to his present job in Denmark, which he took over from SS-Standartenfuhrer Mildenberg.

His deputy and aide is SS-Sturmabfuhrer and Kriminalrat Dr. Zentender.

He lives and works at the Shell House. He is ruthless and never shows pity, though he is suspected of getting "cold feet" lately, like so many of his colleagues. There is no doubt that he both directly and indirectly is guilty of many of the murders of patriots. He has no sense of honour whatsoever. This is why he who broke the pledge of safe conduct given to state-attorney Hoff, when the Gestapo wanted to have a conference with him.

An interesting fact about him is, that he is deeply interested in religion, and often discusses the salvation of his soul. He also seems to be interested in the salvation of his body, as he often discusses his war guilt and wonders whether he will be condemned to war criminal and on what grounds.

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